How a particle experiment is designed

How physicists go from the "basic ideas of measuring some quantities" to the "design and constructions of large scale experiments".



Theory and experiments

- Exp: Particles have masses:why ?
- Theo: Mass is given by the interaction with the Higgs field
- Exp: Find the Higgs Boson
- Exp: There are 3 Forces:why?
- Theo: Super Symmetry unifies the Forces
- Exp: Find the signals of Super Symmetry

Two classes of experiments

- "Small" and beautiful : experiments designed to measure typically "one quantity" exploring the "very rare" or "very precise" : they need high intensity beams and/or very high precision
- LARGE and exciting: experiments that explore the high energy frontier. They are typically multi-purpose experiments. They also need high intensity beams

General Principle for particle detection

Visible particles are measured by the various subdetectors and identified from their characteristic pattern .



Quest for precision

Non decupling : heavy particles contribute to "low" energy phenomena through "loops"



Measuring some quantities with high precision and comparing the result with the prediction of theory one may falsify/validate the theory

MEG EXPERIMENT

http://meg.web.psi.ch/

- Clear 2-body decay
 - Back to Back
 - $-E_e = E_\gamma = 52.8 \text{MeV}$
- Backgrounds
 - Accidental overlap of
 - $>e^+$ from Michel decay : μ → ev_ev_μ

 $\succ \gamma$ from radiative decay, e⁺-annihilation in flight

- Radiative μ^+ decay: $\mu \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\mu \gamma$



MEG: Physics Motivations



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The MEG Detector



MEG : design of the experiment



The MEG Experiment



- Approved at Paul Scherrer Institut, Switzerland in 1999
- Start physics run from 2006
- Initial aim at 10⁻¹³, eventually down to 10⁻¹⁴



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g-2 experiment http://www.g-2.bnl.gov/index.shtml



g-2: physics motivations

Muon interaction with the photons of the magnetic field is sensitive to new physics through loops



Discrepancy between experiment and theory indicates new physics

g-2: design of the experiment

$$a_{\mu} = \frac{g-2}{2}$$

 $\vec{\omega}_{a} = \vec{\omega}_{5} - \vec{\omega}_{c} =$ $\frac{e}{m} \left[a_{\mu} \vec{B} - \left(a_{\mu} - \frac{1}{\gamma^{2} - 1} \right) (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}) \right]$ $\text{Choosing } \gamma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a_{\mu}} + 1} \approx 29.3$ $(p_{\mu} = 3.09 \text{ GeV}) \text{ cancels the } \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}$ term

$$a_{\mu} = \frac{\omega_a}{\frac{e}{m_{\mu}c} \langle B \rangle}.$$



g-2: results



g-2: comparison with theory

Contributions $\times 10^{10}$

QED	11,659,471.94	0.14
Had LO ^(*)	693.4	6.4
Had LBL	12.0	3.5
Had HO	-10.0	0.6
weak	15.4	0.22
Total	11,659,182.7	7.3
exp	11,659,208	6
Exp-the	25.3	9.4

 2.7 σ → new physics ? SUSY, leptoquark, µ substructure, anomalous W coupling

^(*) Using
$$e^+e^-$$
 data + KLOE (not τ)



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About 100 people

Experiment approved in 1988

Final result in 2004

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Quest for Energy

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{2\pi} \frac{1}{E}$$

$$\lambda(fm) \approx \frac{0.2}{E(GeV)}$$

Increasing energy you probe Nature at smaller distances and you may cross the threshold of new phenomena



Large Scale Facilities

27 km Tunnel instrumented with high technology devices



Multi Billion projects

N-decades projects

Large scale experiments



ALEPH EXP at LEP

- 1980 : first meetings
- 1982 : Experiment Approved
- 1989 : First Collisions
- 2000: Last run
- >2005: Last publication



CMS EXP at LHC

- 1991 : first meetings
- 1994 : Experiment Approved
- 2007 : First Collisions
- 2010 : Design Luminosity
- >2014: Luminosity upgrade

Main Physics Motivations

LEP

•Precise Measurements of the properties of the Z and W bosons

•Search for new particles

•B physics

LHC

•Search for the Higgs Boson

•Search for new particles

•Top physics

General Purpose Detectors

When it became more and more likely, early in 1980, that an electron-positron collider, energetic enough to produce the as yet undiscovered Z boson, would be constructed at CERN, some of us got together to initiate discussions on a possible experiment. Some of us who collaborated in the CDHS neutrino experiment were joined by colleagues from Orsay, Pisa, Munich (Max Planck) and Rutherford Labs.

The first question we asked ourselves was: 'Can we think of a focused experiment, requiring a specialized rather than general-purpose detector?'

The answer was a clear no, and in fact, no special purpose detector was ever built at LEP. So we started to think of a general-purpose, 4π detector, such as had been developed at the DESY Petra and the SLAC PEP colliders, but clearly more ambitious in all aspects: tracking resolution, angular coverage, calorimetry, and particle identification.

Jack Steinberger – Nobel Laureate and first spokesman of the Aleph Experiment

High Q2 Reactions



Quarks and Hadronization

Quarks hadronize producing JETS

The jet retains the direction and energy of the parent parton

The visible final state is constituted by *stable* hadrons ($c\tau\gamma$ >> meters) π +, π -, k+,k-, k0, p+ p-,n nbar..... π 0 decays promptly into two photons



Z-->q qbar

The challenge is to reconstruct the parton parameters from the Jet parameter

Decays



In the hadronization process (few fermi) of heavy quarks also heavy hadrons are produced. They decay weakly (few mm) and only the decay products are detected

Z-->b bbar

Also τ leptons decay with $c\tau\gamma$ few mm



 $Z \rightarrow \tau + \tau -$

General Principle

Visible particles are measured by the various subdetectors and identified from their characteristic pattern .



The parameters of the quarks are reconstructed from the hadronic jets.

The flavor of the quark is determined reconstructing the hadronic decays of heavy mesons or detecting their detached decay vertex

END OF FIRST LECTURE

General Principle



Collider detectors look all similar since they must perform in sequence the same basic measurements.

The dimension of the detector are driven by the required resolution . The calorimeter thickness change only with the logarithm of the energy: for this reason the dimension of the detectors change only slightly with the energy.



Charged particles ionize and their trajectories can be reconstructed detecting the ionization electrons on charge sensitive detectors.

The measurement of the trajectory in a magnetic field gives

- Direction at the origin
- Sign of the charge Q of the particle

• Pt/abs(Q), Pt= component of the momentum perpendicular to the magnetic field



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Photon Detection



Massive shower in a tungsten cylinder (outlined in green) produced by a single 10 GeV incident electron.



Photons and electrons interact in matter producing showers of neutral and charged particles.

The number of secondary particles is proportional to the energy.

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The physical size of the shower is described by the Radiation Length Xo Dense material have Xo ~ 1 cm



Shower profiles for

10, 100, 200, 300... GeV

electrons

The length of the shower increases with the log of the energy

The lateral size does not depend on the energy (90% in 2-3 cm)

Energy resolution



In order to absorb high-energy photon/electron the calorimeter must integrate 15-25 Xo.

The energy resolution has a statistical term that d number of secondary charged particles, which in to the energy $\frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx \frac{(3-30)\%}{\sqrt{E(GeV)}} \oplus O(1\%)$

Resolution decreases with Energy

The size of the statistical term depends on the technique used in the calorimeter

At high momentum Energy resolution for an electron in the calorimeter is better than momentum resolution in the tracker

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Granularity





High granularity is needed to separate showers induced by nearby particles.

The angular separation is limited by the lateral size of the shower and by the distance of the calorimeter from the interaction point



Photons are identified as compact showers not associated to charged particles

Electron identification



Electrons can be identified (wrt to charged hadrons) comparing the momentum measured in the tracker and the energy measured in the calorimeter.

Extra separation is obtained by exploiting the longitudinal shower profile



Hadronic energy





Hadrons interact in the Electromagnetic calorimeter producing hadronic showers that are not absorbed since the hadronic interaction length is much larger than a radiation length (11 cm vs 0.5 cm in lead).

The hadronic shower is absorbed in the Hadron calorimeter: typically 1-2 meters of heavy material (iron, copper) interleaved with detecting elements.

Jet parameters



Careful analysis of the charged particles trajectories and their match with clusters measured in the calorimeters allows a good definition of the jet energy and direction.



Jet direction is reconstructed in ALEPH with a resolution of about 20 mrad

In Aleph Energy resolution was $0.6 / \sqrt{E(Gev)}$

Muon identification





Muons have no hadronic interaction and very long electromagnetic interaction length.

They cross the detector almost undisturbed and are identified by their penetration through the calorimeters

With small probability hadronic showers PUNCH THROUGH the hadron calorimeter and fake a muon



Detector Design one example: The Aleph TPC

When ALEPH was proposed, there was no large TPC working to design specifications:

Recommendation by the LEPC

Following the letter of intent in March 1982 (on the left is the first transparency of Jacques' presentation to the LEPC), Aleph was recommended by the LEPC at its meeting on 16 November 1982 (see the DG's letter opposite).

The LEPC required a technical report to be produced by 25 April 1983 where a number of technical and financial issues had to be addressed and specified the following:

Milestones:

 TPC: a prototype of at least a 1.5 m long drift length, with magnetic field (later known as TPC 90)

Design & Construction of the ALEPH TPC

1982-1985 Prototypes and Detector design

Small group ~ 15 physicists + engineering support

1985-1987 Detector Construction

Project managing, quality control, mainly engineer work

1987-1989 Detector Commissioning

Larger group ~ 30 physicist + engineering support



General Principle



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..... the detector technologies exploited for the two machines are different because of the very relevant differences in the initial state.

LEP vs LHC

LEP e+ e- collisions

• 4 x 4 bunches in the machine colliding every 25 μ s

•Rate of events with tracks in the detector ~ 10 Hz

•Rate of interesting events (Z peak) 1 Hz

•Typical multiplicity 20 tracks

LHC p p collisions

2800x2800 bunches in 2
beam pipes. Collisions every
25 ns

•Rate of events with tracks in the detector ~ 40 MHz

•Rate of interesting events (ttbar or $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$)10 Hz

•Rate of interesting events (Higgs 500 GeV) 0.01 Hz

•Typical multiplicity 700 tracks

Collisions at LHC



LEP vs LHC

About on scale





LEP No radiation hard

- Trigger very simple
- \bullet Tracking with gas detector collection time 40 $\mu s,\,0.05$ Xo
- Calorimeters: quite standard
- Muons: only identification

LHC Radiation hard

• Trigger very difficult

•Tracking with silicon detectors collection time 25 ns, 1 Xo

•Calorimeters: coverage 10 units of rapidity. Response time 25 ns.

•Muons: independent measurement of momentum in magnetic field

The Aleph Collaboration



Aleph collaboration in 1986

- About 400 physicists
- 11 years of data taking
- About 2300 Internal Notes
- About 300 papers
- About 50 Abstracts per Conference (peak)
- About 250 Thesis

•http://aleph.web.cern.ch/aleph/

The ATLAS Collaboration



- About 1770 Scientific Authors
- Data Taking will start 2007
- About 250 Notes
- About 200 Thesis
- •http://atlas.web.cern.ch

ATLAS Organization

ATLAS Organization (March 2005)

http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/index.html



ATLAS physics organization



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- b-tagging
- Muon

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How to "steer" a large collaboration



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